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SUBJECT: NORTHROP-PAGE REVERSAL

REF: TRIPOLI 925 AND STATE 195216

1. NORTHROP-PAGE REPRESENTATIVE JOHANSEN VISITED EMBASSY
AUG 21 TO COORDINATE HIS APPROACH TO LIBYANS WITH OURS, AND
WE BRIEFED HIM ON OUR MEETING AT MFA (TRIPOLI REFTEL).
2. JOHANSEN SAID HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER WITH LT. COL. JUMAA,
HEAD OF AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, AND THAT JUMAA WAS AWARE OF USG
DECISION. JUMAA TOLD JOHANSEN HE WOULD CALL IN BRITISH AND
SWEDISH COMPANIES TO TAKE ON CONTRACT.
3. JOHANSEN BELIEVES THAT DECISION WILL STRENGTHEN HANDS OF
THOSE IN LARG WHO HAVE MAINTAINED FROM BEGINNING THAT U.S.
COMPANY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DELIVER ON CONTRACT, INCLUDING
PRIMIN JALLUD, AND WEAKEN POSITION OF PRO-U.S. OFFICERS LIKE
JUMAA. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT INABILITY OF NORTHROP-PAGE TO
FULFILL CONTRACT WILL DELAY LINKAGE OF RUSSIAN AND FRENCH
SYSTEMS NOW IN PLACE BY AS MUCH AS A YEAR.
4. AFTER TALKING TO CHARGE, JOHANSEN SAID HE SAW NO POINT
IN SEEING LIBYANS AGAIN, AND THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO
WASHINGTON.
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